



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation Fuel Break Maintenance		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	The project is located within the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation, Fort Bidwell CA.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Modoc
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project has been designed/created by the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The project will involve the maintenance of an existing fuel break/Defensible Fuel Profile Zone (DFPZ) that is located along the western, southern, and eastern boundary of the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation. The DFPZ is also located along the western boundary of the town of Fort Bidwell/Reservation community. To maintain the effectiveness of the existing DFPZ the project will include: moderate to dense re-growth of various brush species, dead or dying trees impacted by insects/disease, downed woody debris and grasses/grassy areas will be treated; small pockets of conifer that were not treated during the establishment of the DFPZ will be pre-commercially thinned (DBH less than 10 inches); and conifers will be pruned. CAL FIRE LMU Devils Garden Inmate Crews will complete the treatments by hand. The material will be piled and burned.

### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 & 4 15301(h) – Existing Facilities  
15304(i) – Minor alterations of Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

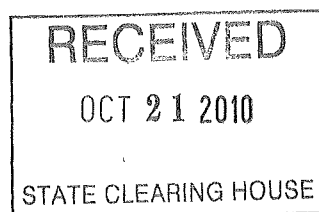
### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT


The existing fuel break/DFPZ was created by the Fort Bidwell Indian Reservation, BIA, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and CAL FIRE LMU Devils Garden Inmate Crews. This project fits under the following classes of Categorical Exemptions to CEQA:

1. 15301(h) Existing Facilities (Class 1) – Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753 Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code);
2. 15304(i) Minor Alteration to Land (Class 4) – Allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's LMU Quincy office.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 10/20/10  
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